

# ENERGY STAR® Partnership Agreement

## For Lenders



### Information For Display on the ENERGY STAR Web Site

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ States served: \_\_\_\_\_

Web site address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Lender Requirements

#### Type of Energy Efficient Mortgage(s) Offered (check all that apply):

- ☐ FHA
- ☐ Fannie Mae
- ☐ Freddie Mac
- ☐ VA
- ☐ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Method of Promoting EEMs and ENERGY STAR (check all that apply):

- ☐ On company Web site; or
- ☐ By distributing promotional materials at local branches

#### Other Requirements (check to acknowledge):

- ☐ Each business office has a staff person who can process EEM applications and can ably answer consumer questions about EEMs, ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR homes
- ☐ Company must report to EPA the number of EEMs written each year
- ☐ Company must adhere to the ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines and to the ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines (available at [www.energystar.gov/marks](http://www.energystar.gov/marks) and [www.energystar.gov/partners](http://www.energystar.gov/partners), respectively)
- ☐ Company must send this Partnership Agreement to EPA (Fax this form to 202-343-2200, Attn: ENERGY STAR for Homes-Finance Partnership)

### Contact Information

Authorized Company Representative (printed name): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

1 A valid e-mail address is required for online access to the ENERGY STAR marks

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### To be completed by US EPA:

Kathleen Hogan; Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax this form to:

ENERGY STAR for Homes-Finance Partnership  
202-343-2200

For more information please call the ENERGY STAR Hotline at 1-888-STAR-YES or visit: [www.energystar.gov/homes](http://www.energystar.gov/homes)

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### ENERGY STAR Background Information

EPA's **ENERGY STAR** helps consumers, businesses, and public organizations protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. **ENERGY STAR for Homes** promotes energy-efficient homes that can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and homeowner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution. The goal of the ENERGY STAR lender partnership is to promote financing products that can help prospective homeowners purchase an ENERGY STAR-labeled home, and help educate prospective homeowners on the benefits of owning an energy-efficient, ENERGY STAR-labeled home.

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### ENERGY STAR's Commitments to Partners

1. Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified homes and homes-related products.
2. Provide (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, Hotline, e-mail or other means) current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents.
3. Provide ENERGY STAR Lender partners with public recognition through the online ENERGY STAR partner locator tool.
4. Respond expeditiously to any Partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policies.

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### General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

1. Use the Partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new homebuyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save money on energy bills.
2. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines* (available at [www.energystar.gov/marks](http://www.energystar.gov/marks)) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, also comply.
3. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines* (available at [www.energystar.gov/partners](http://www.energystar.gov/partners)). Failure to do so can result in the loss of linking privileges from the ENERGY STAR Web site.
4. Offer Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEMs).
5. Promote EEMs and ENERGY STAR on their Web sites or by distributing brochures or other promotional material at local branches.
6. Have a staff person at each business office promoted to consumers who can process EEM applications and who can ably answer consumer questions about EEMs, ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR homes.
7. Report to EPA the number of EEMs written each year.

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### General Terms and Disclaimers

1. Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR. Partnership does not constitute federal government endorsement of the Partner or its homes or services.
  2. Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
  3. Partner and ENERGY STAR will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in ENERGY STAR.
  4. This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time for any reason, with no penalty.
  5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Partnership Agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of ENERGY STAR, including use of the marks.
  6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the ENERGY STAR marks.
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